A TRUE

ACCOUNT

Of the Seige, and taking of the Famous City of *Gran* in *Hungary*, in a Letter from a Gentleman there, to his Correspondent in *London*.

Honoured Sir, *OCTOBER* 26.

I hope, mine of *September* the 20th. came safe to your hand, and what was contained was very acceptable. I have now greater news to impart of the happy Progress of the Christian Armies, of the taking of *Gran*, but before I begin, I think it convenient to give you a short Description of this Famous Town *Gran*, anciently called *Arigonium*, is very strongly seated upon the Danub, and defended with Extraordinary Walls, and deep Ditches, having a most impregnable Castle, upon a little Hill called St. *Thomas*, a pretty way out of the Town, so they that beseige *Gran*, are forced to take this strong Castle, or else they will be continually plagued by the Enemies Cannon upon their Backs. Our Army having defeated the Turks at *Barkan*, & so having made the way open, resolved upon the Seige of this Town, which has been in the hands of the Turks, ever since the time of *Achmet* the 8th, and upon the 14th. of the last they called a General Council of War, where it was resolved first to fall upon St. *Thomas* Fort, which was next day, began with great bravery, the Turks making several furious Salleys, and perpetually playing upon us, but we beat them back with great slaughter, our Cannons answering them in the same language, which was conveniently planted on another hill, elevated much

by Art. This hot service continued several days, but at last our Cannon making a great breach &, many of the Turks being killed, and seeing no hope of relief, they came to a parley, and the day after it was surrendred, they having Good Military *Honourable* Conditions, and as soon as the Poles saw the Castle was surrendred, several of them went to the King, & the Duke of *Lorrain*, to beg the most difficult places in the attaque of the Town; which honourable request, the KING with tears of joy Granted them; then we surrendred the Town, *making* the *greatest* effect upon the lower Town, and after many furious assaults, at last carry'd it; when they of the *higher* town, saw that the Castle was taken, and that the lower town was lost, and that all hopes of succour was *gone*, their Garrison *being* reduced to a small number, they *hung* out the white *flag*, and submitted to such Conditions as pleased our Commanders, *which however were* honourable *enough*. Thus with no *great* loss of the Christian side, but of many hundreds of the Turks, is this *great* town (once the *Bull-work of Christiandom*) *now* again in the hands *of* the Christians, and our Army, is *now* upon the march, to *besiege Buda*, the Metropolis of all *Hungary*, of *which* I hope *we* shall *give* account e're *long*, in the interim, *I Rest your assured Friend*

N. D.

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